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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of ) Customer No. 00832  
Bussel et al. )  
Serial No. 09/331,554 ) Group: 1651  
Filed: August 23, 1999 )  
Title: ABSORBABLE COMPOSITION CONTAINING ) Examiner: V. Afremova  
PROPIONIC BACTERIA CAPABLE OF RELEASING )  
NITRIC OXIDE IN THE HUMAN OR ANIMAL )  
ALIMENTARY CANAL )

REFUND REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR § 1.26

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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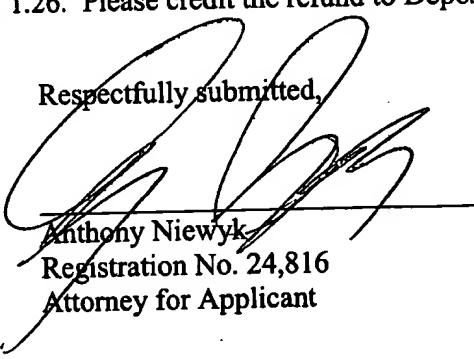
Sir:

On June 3, 2004, our Deposit Account was charged \$180.00 for filing a late  
Information Disclosure Statement.

After review of the application, the undersigned is unsure as to why our deposit  
account was charged a late IDS fee as no IDS has been filed in this application since November  
2000.

Therefore, a refund in the amount of \$180.00 is requested in the above identified  
application pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.26. Please credit the refund to Deposit Account No. 02-  
0385, BAKER & DANIELS.

Respectfully submitted,



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